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TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE September 13,2002 through September 12, 2003

U.S. Tobacco Imports Subject to Tariff-Rate-Quota 1/

Quota	2002/2003	2002/2003	Percent of
Recipients	Quota, Metric Tons	Imports, Metric Tons	TRQ Used
Argentina	10,750	7,484	69.6%
Brazil	80,200	71,259	88.9%
Chile	2,750	0	0.0%
European Union	10,000	3,325	33.3%
Guatemala	10,000	4,710	47.1%
Malawi	12,000	6,446	53.7%
Philippines	3,000	451	15.0%
Thailand	7,000	6,154	87.9%
Zimbabwe	12,000	4,030	33.6%
Residual 2/	3,000	3,000	100.0%
Total	150,700	106,859	70.9%

1/ U.S. Tariff Schedule line items subject to the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) include flue-cured and light air-cured tobacco, including burley, which are used in the manufacture of cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

2/ A TRQ of 3,000 metric tons is available to all countries, other than the 9 designated quota recipient countries, and is allocated on a first- come/first- served basis.

NOTE: The TRQ is administered on a September 13 - September 12 trade year.

SOURCE: U.S. Customs Service.

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